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1. During January 1947, the Russians continued dismantling the Brabag works at Magdeburg-Rothensee. At least 6,000 people were engaged in this task.
2. It is becoming more and more apparent that the Magdeburg Brabag plant is to be re-erected in Tula in the U.S.S.R. (175 miles due south of Moscow). This choice of location would seem logical in view of the large peat deposits in the region between Moscow and Tula and of the fact that the carbon content of this peat is similar to that of the brown coal in central Germany, which constitutes the basic material for the Brabag hydrogenation plants, which use the Bergius process.
3. Another possible reason for deciding on Tula as a suitable site might be the wish to have a plant producing large quantities of high-grade aviation fuel in the vicinity of Moscow. This particular Brabag plant produced some 200,000 tons of synthetic gasoline in 1942 and 300,000 tons in 1943.
4. Some twenty technicians, including Dr. Schwarze, head of the laboratory at Rothensee, have signed contracts with the U.S.S.R.

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